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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### DEFENCE PROBLEM

At a time when proposals to reduce sharply Britain's armed forces at home and abroad were causing surprise and consternation both in the Nato headquarters in Paris and in the House of Commons, it was officially stated in London that Hongkong was to retain a "substantial garrison." It was assumed here that the Colony was, unlike other overseas bases, to be an exception, and that the present garrison was either to be maintained at full strength or very slightly reduced.

Now, however, the full scope of the plan has been revealed and, it is to be assumed, that Mr Duncan Sandys' forthcoming visit is in some way connected with these changes. It is not, of course, known what ideas he has about Hongkong but it would seem that with the greater emphasis being placed upon modern weapons, even a garrison the size of Hongkong's employing so-called conventional forces may pose some awkward problems.

### SENTRY DUTY

THIS is unlikely in the transitional period but in time the prospect of employing not a smaller but an increasingly larger proportion of men (as the total force is reduced) on sentry duty in one or more distant outposts requires very serious thought. Each territory may be considered individually — certainly they ought to be for circumstances differ in each case.

Part of the new defence policy is the proposal to retain a "fire brigade" force to answer regional alarms. But in the case of Hongkong, distance precludes the idea of rushing troops from the nearest British or Commonwealth base in an emergency. Besides the garrison is maintained less to counter possible aggression than for the sake of the Colony's morale.

This must surely be understood in London. Recent history testifies to the futility of attempting impregnable defence. But what London should also realise is that it is unlikely that this kind of defence will be necessary in Hongkong. In the light of these assumptions, defence planners may ask how such a comparatively large force is justified.

### OURS & THEIRS

AND there is only one answer which, to a Government agency bent on effecting economies may not seem very valid: it is that without a substantial garrison, though it does not necessarily mean a garrison of the present size, confidence in bound to falter and the Colony's feeling of secure independence may be seriously jeopardised, the economic consequences of which ought to be apparent to all. There is also the question of internal security which is probably more important than external.

More: Hongkong gives proof to the Far East and Southeast Asia that despite self-government in Singapore, independence in Malaya and the departure of British forces from Korea, Britain is not abandoning its position in this part of the world. That means much to Southeast Asia where confidence in Great Britain is shaky and where morale is undoubtedly dependent to some extent upon a thriving, confident Hongkong. America undoubtedly plays the major role but Britain is exerting a more pacifying influence in its Far Eastern diplomacy. Any proof it can give of its intention to continue this role will help to dispel insecurity in this area.

# BRITISH OMAN OFFENSIVE IMMINENT

## Troops Massed At Muscat And Buraimi Oasis

Bahrein, Aug. 5.

The lull before a planned storm hung over the baked deserts of Oman today.

British and local troops prepared to move against insurgent forces of the Imam in their remote mountain fastnesses within the next two days.

Plans for attacking the dissident tribesmen were laid carefully during the past two weeks here at British Headquarters, at the British-backed Sultan's Muscat capital and in London.

## Arab League To Meet In Cairo

Cairo, Aug. 5.

The Arab League political committee will meet tomorrow to formulate plans to aid the Imam of Oman against "British Imperialism," it was officially announced today.

The official announcement said the meeting would discuss "developments in the Imamat of Oman and lay down joint Arab state plans to aid the Imam in his struggle against British Imperialism."

A conference was held today to arrange for tomorrow's meeting. When the last council meeting adjourned, it left the session technically open to take any urgent business that might arise.

## CHESSMAN FOOLS WARDEN (Writes Third Book)

San Quentin, Aug. 5.

A San Francisco newspaper today disclosed the ingenious technique used in San Quentin Prison by best-selling author Caryl Chessman, sentenced to death for attempted rape, to write his third book, "The Face of Justice."

The warden of the prison had forbidden Chessman to write any more books.

Chessman typed his third book on fresh carbon paper which he slipped between used sheets of paper which his guards did not bother to read.

Chessman, who was sentenced to death in 1948, is 36 years old and has published two other books, "Cell 2455, Death Row" and "Trial by Ordeal."

The United States Supreme Court recently ordered a review of Chessman's trial.—France-Press.

## Wildcat Strike Cripples Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Aug. 5.

The huge Buenos Aires Harbour was crippled today by a wildcat strike.

Soldiers, sailors and airman were manning wharveside cranes and working in ships' holds to load or unload the many vessels in the crowded docks.

Longshoremen had staged a slowdown strike for several days in support of demands for higher pay. When their attitude was declared illegal by the Government, they left their jobs altogether.

The Government warned that armed forces would guarantee the right of all to work—whether registered dockers or not—as of 7 am today.—United Press.

(In Cairo, the Imam's representative, Mohamed El Harithy, appealed to the Russian and United States Embassies to halt "British aggression" in Oman.)

In Washington, the US State Department said today it had not received a plea from the Imam of Oman that the United States stop British military action in the Sultanate).

### Cameronian

Forces to be committed included Scottish Cameronian troops and Trucial Oman levies loyal to the Sultan. They were understood to be massed at Muscat and Buraimi Oasis.

Action on the eve of the anticipated jump-off against the rebels was confined to six sorties by Royal Air Force Venom jet fighters. They shot up a number of motor vehicles and cruised at low altitudes over interior areas of the Southern Arabian Peninsula.

Pilots reported two white flags of the rebellious Imam and one red flag of the Sultan flying in the interior.

As for strategic Sharqia Province, which lies between rebel Nizwa and the coast, there was no clarification of the question of who controls it.

### White Flag

A pilot reported a white flag of the Imam flying in Sharqia yesterday. A spokesman said there had been some there earlier, but the province was loyal to the Sultan.

The British dropped leaflets there for the Sultan, a few days ago as a precaution to convince wavering. They said this did not indicate the province was in rebel control.

Sharqia is vital because it would give the rebels access to the sea. It also approaches close to the Sultan's capital at Muscat. Spread of rebel power out from Nizwa and the surrounding country to Sharqia would thus be of immense importance.

There have been confused reports that the area of influence of the Imam may have expanded.

### Rebel-Held

The rebels were said to have advanced about 60 miles east of Izki, hitherto the easternmost point of rebel-held territory. But it is not certain if intervening territory is also affected.

Izki is about 100 miles east of Ibb where British forces are now believed to be concentrating.

Reports suggest that the rebels are possibly now holding an 85-mile strip of mountainous and eastern Hajjar Ranges. Captain Stephen Beattie, V.C., Senior Royal Navy Officer in the Persian Gulf, told correspondents yesterday that three frigates were patrolling the Muscat and Trucial Oman Coasts, proving a deterrent to gun-running although none had been intercepted with illicit cargo.—Reuters and United Press.

## BOMBS IN GARBAGE

Buenos Aires, Aug. 5.

Six bombs hidden under a pile of garbage exploded today at a street intersection in Vicente Lopez, some six miles north of Buenos Aires.

Nine other bombs were found under the same garbage pile and destroyed by the police.

It was believed the bombs were placed there by Peronist terrorists being sought by the police, the authorities said.—France-Press.

## DREADED 'KU-KLUX KLAN' RISING AGAIN?



## WIFE FIGHTS CAR DUEL WITH HUBBY ... TO SCARE HIM

Los Angeles, Aug. 5.

A jealous wife last night fought an automobile duel with her husband and at one time nearly pinned him between his demolished car and a building, police said today.

She was backed on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon yesterday. A spokesman said she had been seen in his new car. She drove away in his new car.

Minutes later she followed in her own older car and rammed her husband's vehicle at a cross street.

"I know she was out for blood and I stepped on the gas," Smallfield told officers as he signed a formal complaint.

She caught and rammed him again at two other intersections and, according to Smallfield, shouted: "Turn around and fight like a man!" "You coward, come back and have it out! My car can knock out your fancy-dan heap any day!"

### WAS WAITING

Smallfield told police he escaped down a side-road but when he returned to the boulevard, his wife was waiting for him and rammed him again.

He circled the block a dozen times with his wife in pursuit. "I finally got chicken and abandoned my car," Smallfield said.

He said when he got out his wife tried to pin him between his battered car and the building, and then came after him with a club.

Smallfield ripped ignition wires from her car, outran his wife and called police who picked up the woman three blocks from the scene.

"I didn't want to kill him—I just wanted to scare him," she said.—United Press.

## TEENAGERS TURN INTO RAVING 'AMAZONS'

Singapore, Aug. 6.

TEENAGE girls in a North Malayan religious school had been seized by a strange sickness which turned them into violent raving "Amazons," a newspaper reported here today.

Mysterious attacks had changed the school's 104 pupils into bedlam of screaming, laughing and jumping girls, the Straits Times said in a front-page report from Ipoh.

### SCHOOL CLOSED

The school, Salehiah Girls Institute, a Moslem boarding school near Temoh, 30 miles south of Ipoh, had closed and the headmaster was reported to be planning to ask the parents to take their daughters home.

The paper said the attacks which first appeared at the school last month, had begun again on Sunday afternoon. The girls saw apparitions, and were gripped by fits of laughter, dancing and swooning.

Doctors would be asked to examine the girls.—Reuters.

"The Scandal of the Century" was the reference of the Grand Wizard to the outcome of the efforts to integrate schools in Washington D.C.

The "Wizard" lamented — "We should have three schools instead of the present two — one for the white and the third for people who don't care where they send their children."

Picture taken during a meeting of the once-dreaded Ku-Klux-Klan — originally formed after the Civil war to protect the Southern way of life from the carpetbaggers and over-ambitious former slaves. Some ardent supporters wish for a new strong Klan.

This meeting was held a few miles north of Statesville, N.C. — Keystone Photo.

## JAPANESE ON BEER SPREE

Tokyo, Aug. 6.

Japan's beer drinkers guzzled down 2,800,000,000 gallons of the foaming beverage last month to check up on all time high, the National Tax Administration Agency disclosed today.

The previous record, the announcement said, was two million gallons registered in June. This was 60,000 gallons more than the beer consumption of the previous June.

The Tax Agency gave no explanation for the sudden spurt in consumption of the beverage last month, but observers believed the hot weather was a factor in the inordinate thirst. — United Press.

## LIBEL ACTION AGAINST COLONY PAPER

A CANTONESE film actor, Cheng Wai-sum, brought an action for libel—damages limited to \$5,000—against a leading Chinese newspaper organisation, The Overseas Chinese Daily News Ltd (Wah Kiu Po), in the Victoria District Court this morning.

Cheng, of No. 5 Prospect Place, is complaining that an article published on the front page of the Wah Kiu Mun Po of November 27, 1956 about an alleged skirmish with a policeman-driver in the early hours of the morning in Macao was defamatory.

He is suing the newspaper company of 106-110 Hollywood Road, its publisher, Shum Wai-yau and its editor, Au Yeung Pak-chuen.

### AGREEMENT

The actor's claim is that the words in the article were calculated to hold him up to hatred, contempt and ridicule, and that he had, in consequence, been injured in his character and reputation and had been brought into public scandal, odium and contempt.

### Dismissed

The libel action by Cheng Wai-sum, an actor, against the Overseas Chinese Daily News was dismissed early this afternoon by Judge James Wicks, who held that the words in the article complained of held no defamatory meaning.

### PURPOSE OF ARGUMENT

The defence claimed that the words were used in substance and in fact and the defendants denied that the words were capable of bearing any meaning defamatory to the plaintiff.

District Judge James Wicks, the plaintiff's solicitor, Mr Donald Cheng, and Mr D.A.L. Wright (instructed by Mr Y.K. Kan), Counsel for the defendants, all agreed that the case would stand or fall on whether the words were capable of a defamatory meaning and argument proceeded on that issue.

Mr Cheng read the article to the judge and quoted cases which laid down the definition of "defamatory."

He submitted that on those cases the words in the article

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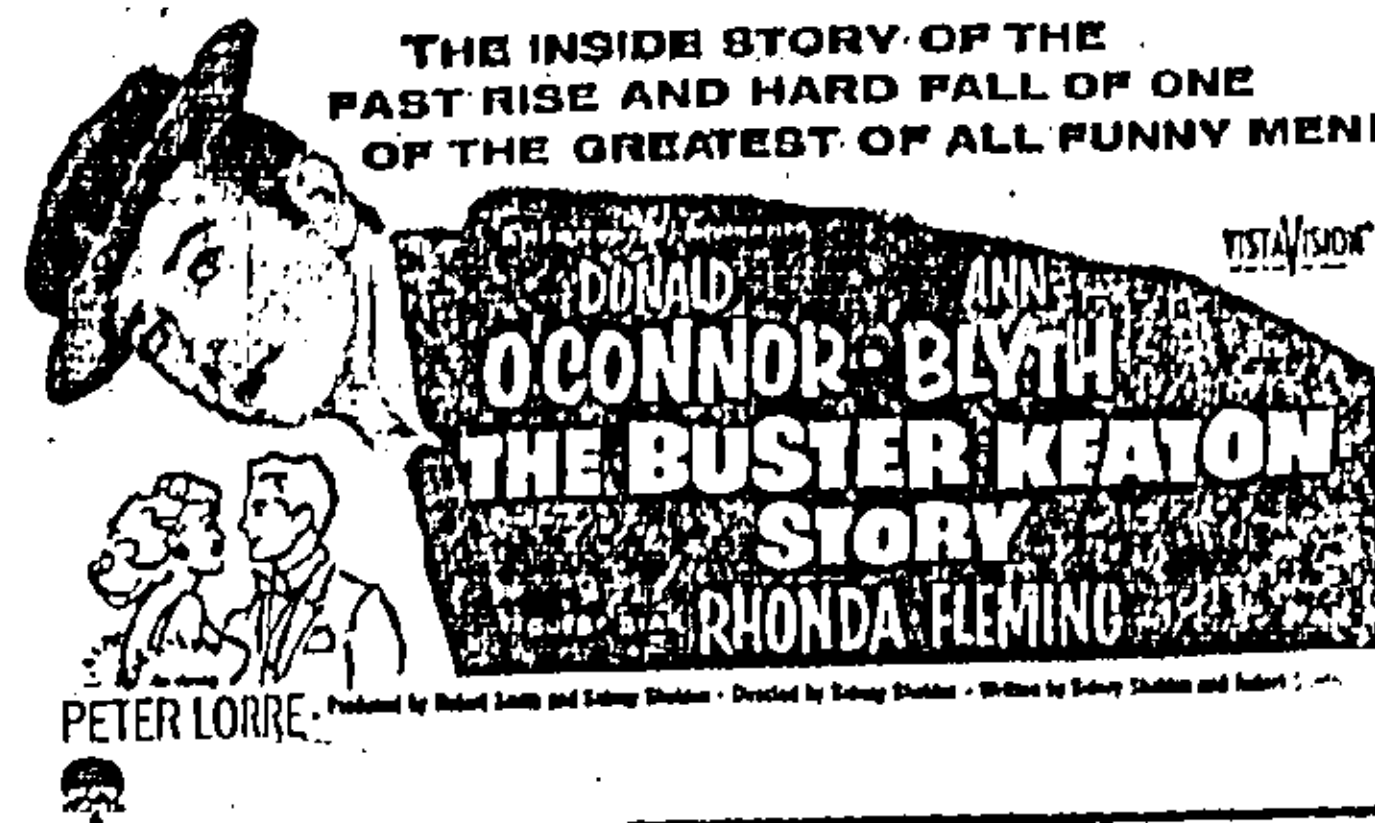
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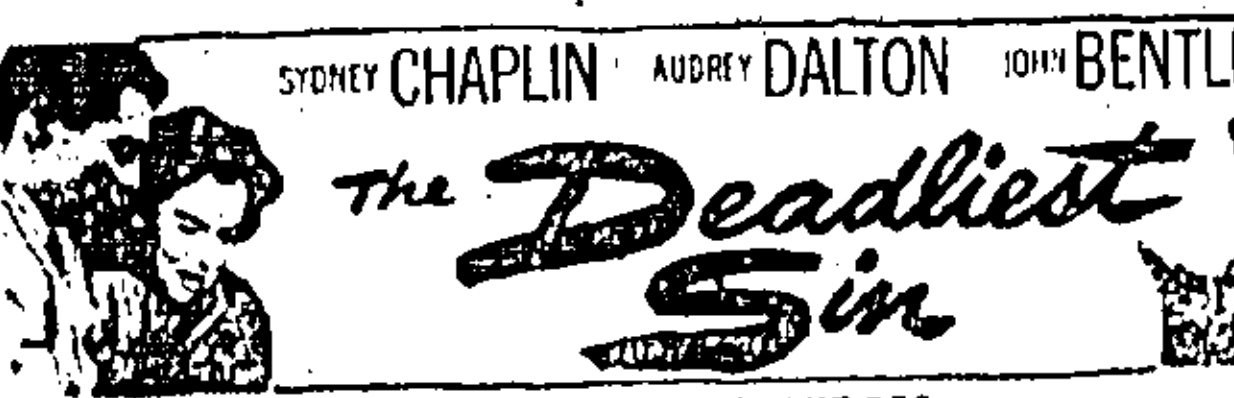
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# JAPAN-CHINA ALLIANCE FEARED BY U.S. AUTHOR

## Trade Barriers To Blame

New York, Aug. 5. United States import and other trade restrictions may force Japan into a commercial alliance with China, a well-known American author and businessman warned today.

Writing in the current edition of the Saturday Evening Post, the author, Cornelius Hawley, asked "Are we driving Japan into Red China's arms?" His article gave an affirmative answer.

Mr. Hawley is a businessman who wrote two best-selling novels about the American business world, "Executive Suite" and "Cash McCall." He recently toured Japan.

If Japan opens trade with China—a move which the Chinese wanted and which many Japanese felt was inevitable—it would mean the end of its US alliance, Mr. Hawley said.

He added: "The loss of Japan to the alliance of free nations would be a catastrophe of the first order. It might well be the determining factor in the eventual loss of all Asia. Japan is the keystone of the arch of defence that we have built to contain the explosive power of China. Kick out the keystone and the whole arch falls."

He gave this analysis of China's current drive for Japanese trade and diplomatic recognition.

"The Chinese Communist leaders are after more than steel and power and ships. They need consumer goods too. They are in trouble at home because they directed too large a share of their resources in heavy industry."

"Then, with his people satisfied, Mao Tse-tung could safely concentrate on his all-out drive to build up the heavy industry upon which armaments depend."

He said that Japan was being attracted not by Communist ideology but rather by commercial considerations, many of them arising from an easily understandable desire to break their economic dependence upon the United States. Mao's "letting off" what seems to be the only way out, United Press.

He added that in years of covering America he still has yet "to hear an entirely satisfactory answer" for Americans' love of British Royalty.

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## Glamour Girls Doing Well In Hospital

New York, Aug. 5. Three glamour girls—Elizabeth Taylor, Marilyn Monroe, and Marion Marlowe—were reported to be progressing satisfactorily today in New York hospitals.

Miss Taylor was reported resting comfortably at the Harkness Pavilion of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre after a second attack of premature labour pains. She was rushed here on Saturday night from her Connecticut Summer home.

Miss Monroe, who was brought to Doctor's Hospital last Wednesday from her Long Island summer home, was reported "doing very well." She underwent an operation on Thursday when physical complications ended her six-week pregnancy.

Miss Marlowe was admitted to Doctor's Hospital on Saturday morning while suffering a virus infection of the chest. The singer is in an oxygen tent and is being fed intravenously, but physicians described her condition as "fairly comfortable."—United Press.

## 'Condemnation Amazed America'

## CRITICISM OF QUEEN MAY SPOIL STATE VISIT TO US

London, Aug. 5. The London Evening News warned Britons today that attacks on Queen Elizabeth like that by Lord Altrincham may spoil the Queen's visit to America.

John Gold, New York correspondent of the Evening News, cabled a long dispatch reporting that Lord Altrincham's condemnation of Royal "priggishness" has "amazed America" and "could hardly have come at a time more damaging to Britain."

"By attacking the Queen only weeks before she is due to arrive here (in America) on a state visit," Gold wrote, "Lord Altrincham risks undermining one of our last remaining assets in the United States at a time when that asset could prove most useful."

"Make no mistake—in the eyes of the Americans we haven't got many assets left."

"Such remarks are crude, common, and we think unpardonable," said the Tabloid News with unaccustomed hauteur.

"The plain fact," Gold concluded, "is Americans are troubled when we take liberties at the Royal family. It seems to them so damnable un-British."

—United Press.

From all accounts they will be given a welcome such as no other visiting head of state has ever received in this country. It will be a welcome intended for them as individuals. A welcome given a popular couple by a people who are genuinely fond of them.

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## PREACHER DROWNED IN FLASH FLOOD

Las Vegas, Aug. 5. Flood waters smashed through three earthen dams on the upper Gila River today, drowning a preacher and his daughter and driving 35 to 45 families from their homes.

The collapse of the dams sent a wall of water surging through this city and nearby communities. National Guardsmen helped evacuate families from their homes in low-lying areas of Lourdes, New Mexico, six miles south of here.

## DRAPED OVER LOG

The body of a clergyman, Emil Laporie, 40, was found draped over a log nearly a mile down the Apelo River from Sapello, New Mexico. Searchers continued to hunt for the body of his daughter Laura, 10.

The authorities said Mr. Laporie was driving his car across the dry bed of the river about 12 miles north of here when a flash flood roared down upon him.

The only object found in his car was a Bible. Mr. Laporie, the father of six, had operated a Bible mission in Sapello.—United Press.

## Ready Any Time

Paris, Aug. 5. M. Jacques Georges-Picot, General Director of the old Suez Canal Company, said tonight he was ready to discuss "any offer the Egyptian Government cares to make" towards settling the company's indemnity claims for the Canal's nationalisation.

"I am prepared to send a delegation anywhere any time to meet an Egyptian delegation for talks on the indemnity," M. Georges-Picot told United Press in Paris, "and the Egyptian Government knows that."

## Pakistan Accuses India

New York, Aug. 5.

Pakistan today accused India of moves "calculated to nullify international agreements" over Kashmir and of contravening resolutions of the Security Council and the United Nations Commission on India and Pakistan.

In a note to the President of the Council, the Pakistan Permanent Representative, Mr. Muhammad Ahmed, said information reaching his Government indicated the Indian Government had "recently settled a large number of non-Muslims in Nowshera, Nawabshah, and Rajahmundry and in the districts of Jammu, Kashmir and Udhampur in the 'India-held zone' of Kashmir."

"Also," the note went on, "the properties left behind in the state by Muslims who were killed or driven out of the state to Pakistan or to Azad Kashmir are being declared as vacant properties and are being allotted to non-Muslim settlers of non-Kashmiri origin."

Mr. Ahmed said that in his Government's estimate, "the purpose of these moves by the Government of India is to endeavour to convert the Muslim majority in the state of Jammu and Kashmir into a minority, thereby complicating the holding of a plebiscite."

Several thousand of the assembled troops also answered a "Swim Call" while she was present.—United Press.

These included considerable formal and informal visiting among different national groups a "show" by the British contingent for the entire camp and exhibitions of scoutcraft and handicraft by various groups.

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# QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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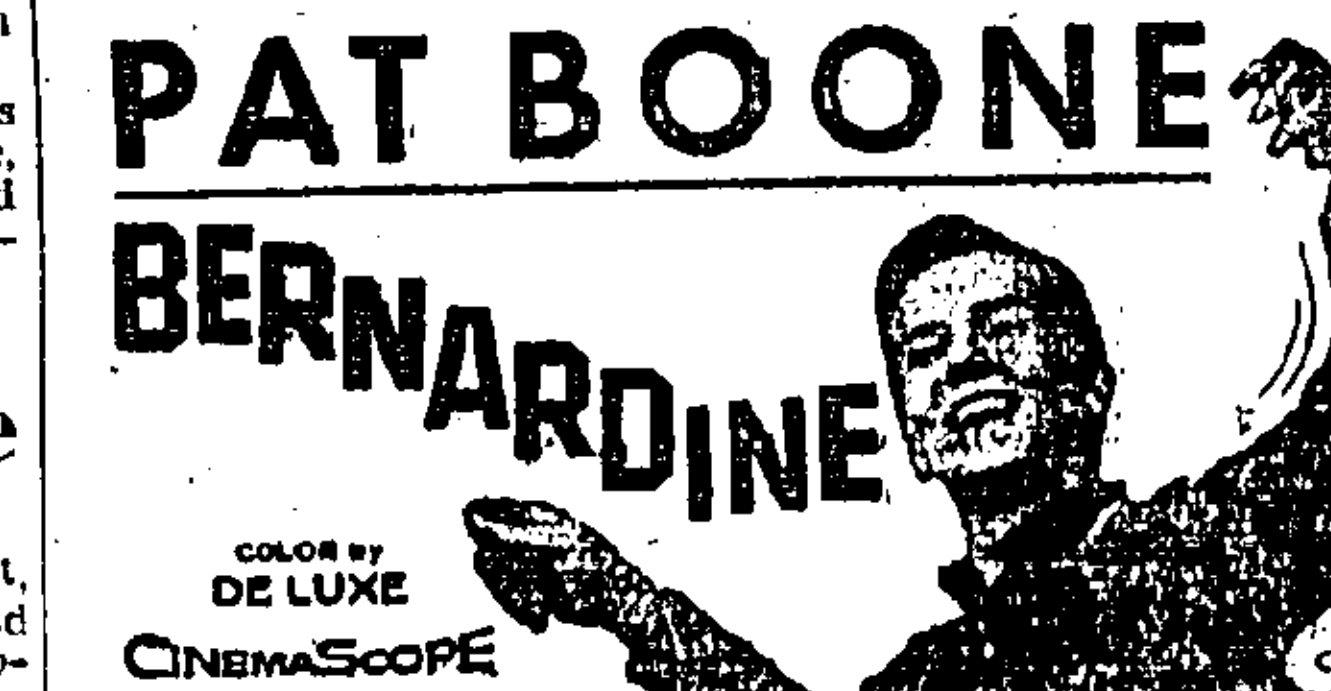


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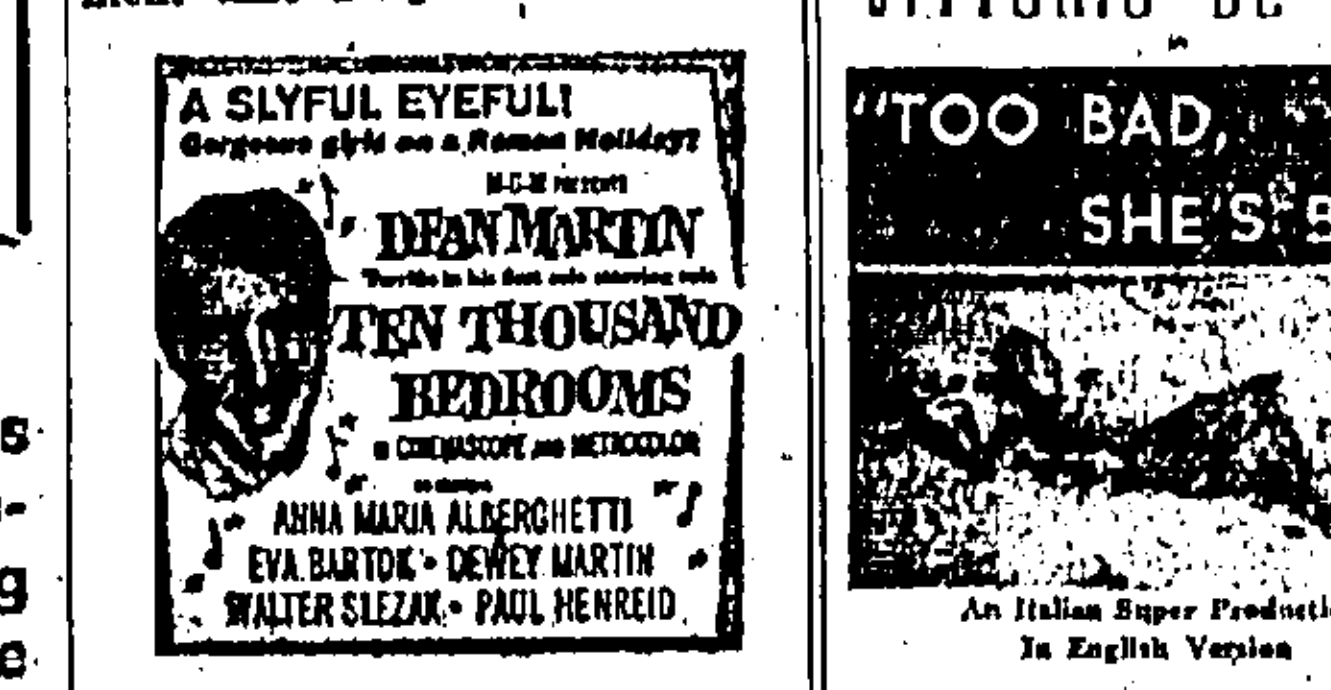
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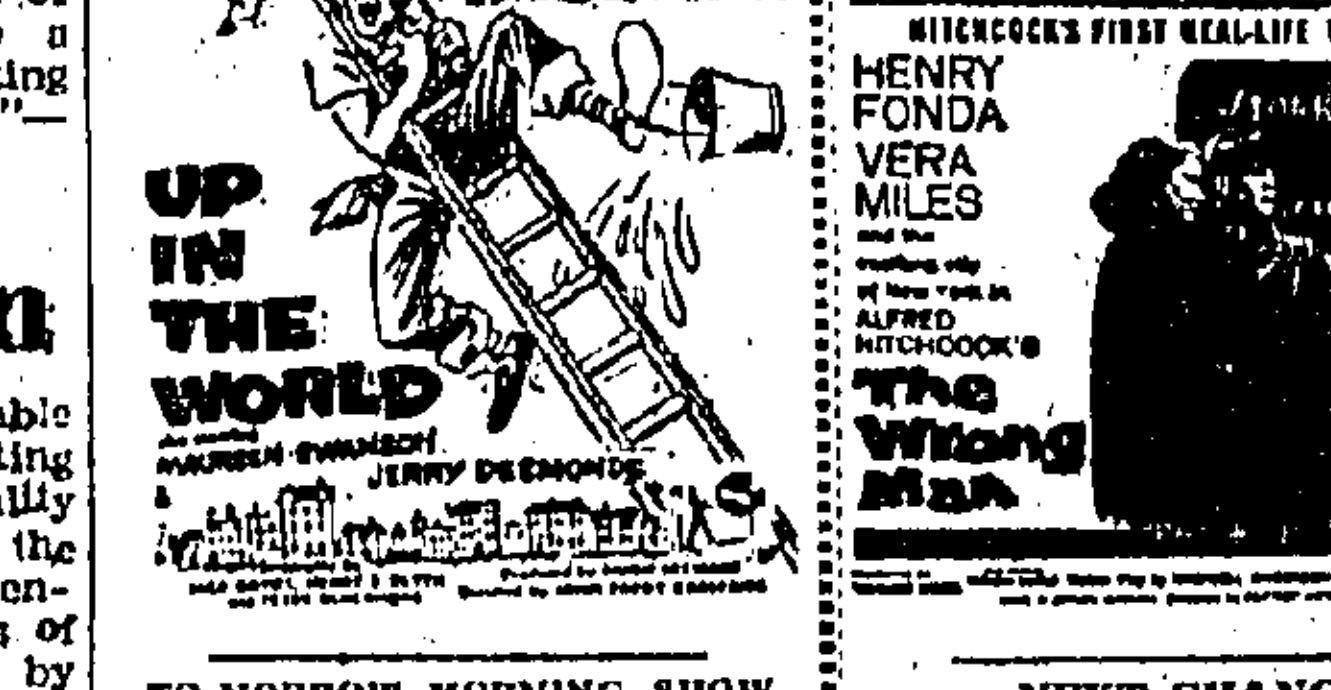


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## Polio Vaccine

New York, Aug. 5. Dr. Jonas Salk said today he was still satisfied that his killed-virus polio vaccine would solve the problem of immunizing wide groups of the world's population.

He made his comment on returning to the U.S. from a series of meetings in Geneva, on the world polio problem.—United Press.



# U.S. TO RETIRE 60 WARSHIPS



## Battleship Built In 1942 To Be Mothballed BID TO REDUCE SPENDING

Washington, Aug. 5.  
The United States Navy announced today that it will retire 60 warships from the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets in the next five months.

## PEKING'S MOVES AGAINST CHURCH

### Letter From China Makes Allegations

Vatican City, Aug. 5.  
The authoritative Fides Agency today published a letter from China alleging that the Peking Communist Government is seeking to detach Chinese Catholics from the Pope and the Holy See.

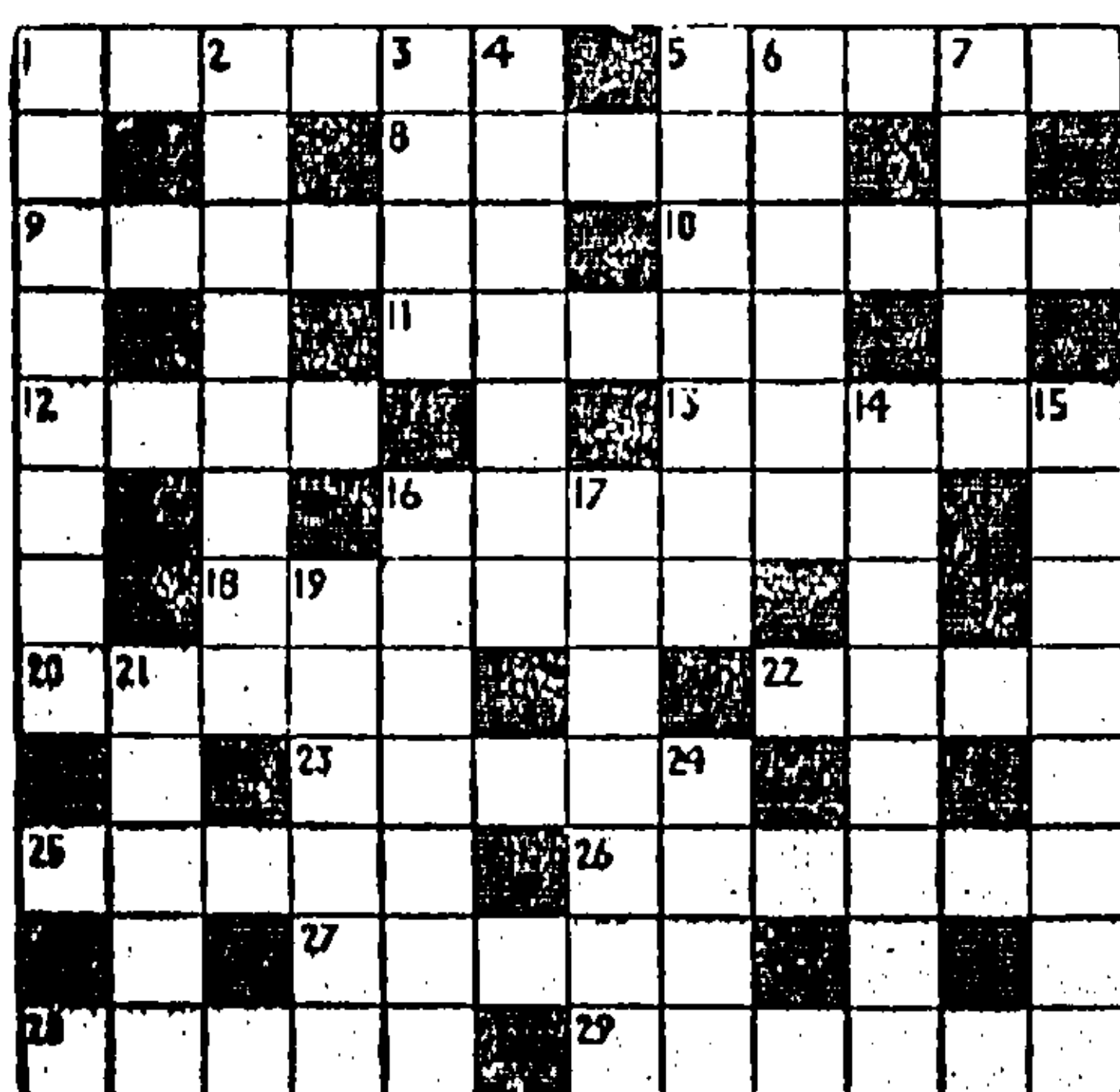
A spokesman for the agency, which is run by the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, said he could not disclose the identity of the letter writer, but said it had reached Rome via Hongkong.

The Fides Agency recently issued several warnings to Chinese Catholics against joining "patriotic associations" promoted by the Communist Government.

The letter said progressives "have not always concealed the fact that the patriotic associations are the continuation of other movements whose programmes were the separation of the Chinese Church from Rome and which were rejected by Chinese Catholics."

He said that, in his opinion, "there is no profound change in the policy of the Government with regard to the Church; it is merely using more crafty means and that is all."—Reuters.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Orderly procedure (6).
- 5 Two and two, for example (5).
- 8 Two-way drop (5).
- 9 Would you believe it? (6).
- 10 Rather peculiar card game (4).
- 11 Birthplace? (5).
- 12 Christmas or Coward (4).
- 13 Five-day trials (6).
- 14 Strike out (6).
- 15 Buys and sells (6).
- 16 Thinks things over (5).
- 17 Winged hoofers (4).
- 18 Remained, we hear, sober (5).
- 22 It's a craze (5).
- 23 Put out (6).
- 24 Lazy-bones (5).
- 25 Clays way (6).
- 26 Behaved nicely? (6).

### DOWN

- 1 It keeps you going (8).
- 2 It's a sign (4).
- 3 It's a sign (4).
- 4 Had a swell time? (7).
- 5 Law-breakers (7).
- 6 How charming it is (6).
- 7 Pardon and send some money (5).
- 14 The briny (8).
- 15 Set down (8).
- 16 He's yellow (7).
- 17 British and Foreign, maybe (8).
- 18 Dwell permanently (6).
- 21 One is accustomed to it (5).
- 22 Composition for "6 Across" (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Treble, 5 Ample, 8 Inns, 9 Remove, 11 Paris, 12 Averse, 14 Envy, 16 Spoor, 18 Roneo, 19 Seem, 20 Umpire, 24 Scam, 25 Essays, 26 Earl, 27 Ruse, 28 Beloved, Down: 1 Term, 2 Emma, 3 Live, 4 Energy, 5 Asperity, 6 Portion, 7 Eastern, 10 Ovine, 13 Dresser, 14 Empires, 15 Volume, 17 Feet, 18 Superb, 21 Rye, 22 Dues, 23 Usual.

The Navy said a number of large vessels would be among the ships withdrawn from service.

The United States Navy will retire Iowa and 60 other warships in the next five months in an economy move.

The Navy said it was carrying out instructions by the Eisenhower Administration to reduce operational and personnel expenses during the fiscal year which began on July 1.

## NOW ONLY ONE IN SERVICE

The retirement of the Iowa will leave the Wisconsin as the only United States battleship in service.

Some of the ships will be put in mothballs before next December and will be replaced by new construction or by vessels currently being modernised.

In addition to the Iowa, the ships to be withdrawn are eight destroyers, 16 destroyer escorts, two submarines, two attack transports, three high-speed transports, five landing craft, two attack cargo ships, 14 minesweepers and eight coastal minesweepers.—France-Press.

## German Town's Bid To End British Army Terror Wave

Lueneburg, Aug. 5.  
Lueneburg Town Council today decided to ask the West German Government to open negotiations with the British Government to put an end to incidents involving British troops stationed there and local inhabitants.

In a resolution passed at an extraordinary session, the council alleged that in the last three months there had been 57 such incidents at and near Lueneburg, including one case of rape, one attempted rape and many beatings-up.

The resolution said that the local British commanders were "unable to maintain order and discipline among their men."

"We must cold-shoulder the British troops here at least until we know how these constant assaults are being punished and who is going to pay the treatment of the local inhabitants who have been crippled and beaten up," the resolution said.

### BOTTLE BEATING

The latest incident, according to the council, and the one which led to the extraordinary session being called, was on Sunday, when in Lueneburg a British soldier beat up a 19-year-old German with an empty wine bottle. He was unconscious for 12 hours.

At the same time at nearby Lueneburg British soldiers beat up an 18-year-old German and took his wrist-watch, according to the resolution.

The resolution stated that "We have always got on well with local British troops until recently, when the Welsh Regiment came to be stationed here." British army sources said the Welsh Regiment had been stationed in the Lueneburg area for "some time" and would probably be moved soon.

The commander of the British garrison at Lueneburg, Brigadier R. S. Macdonald, last month apologised to leading German officials for incidents between British troops and Germans—China Mail Special.

## SAFETY BELTS IN CARS TOO?

Washington, Aug. 5.  
The United States Force is considering installing safety belts in its most vehicles because it has found that many more accidents are caused by air accidents.

This was stated today by General John H. M. Force, expert on fast stops, in evidence he gave to a House of Representatives Commerce Sub-Committee.

Over 700 airmen died in air accidents last year while 678 were killed in car crashes—China Mail Special.

## Keith Miller Helps Out



Pat and her family.

## AUSTRALIAN CRICKETER SPONSORS ENGLISH GIRL AGED 20

London.  
A 20-year-old English girl is today on the high seas—on her way to join the family of Australian cricketer star Keith Miller.

She will live with the Millers and their family of four boys in their Sydney home, where the 37-year-old Miller will be her guardian until she is 21.

Miller met the girl—Patricia Williams—while he was in England last year with the Australian test team. She was a receptionist at a London hotel.

Said Miller recently: "Now don't make the same mistake as some people out here. I'm not adopting her—I am only sponsoring her."

### HOME AND JOB

"I've guaranteed her a home and a job so that she could get an assisted passage for £10. While I was in England she told me she had a brother in Australia. He's out back, farming in Queensland."

"That's how we became friendly. She took me out to Heston to see her old man and I became a friend of the whole family. Then her father wrote and asked if I would sponsor Pat. My wife and I said: Yes of course. Send her out."

"What does my wife think about it all? She says we're a bit overcrowded but there's always room for one more."

### PERSUASIVE

Says Pat's 52-year-old father, British Overseas Airways Corporation chairman Mr. Donald Williams: "While at the Park Lane Hotel, Keith struck up a conversation with the prettiest receptionist—my daughter. He couldn't resist her, she's so persuasive."

"She talked only of joining her elder brother in Australia. Keith came to our house often, so did other Australians. Pat was one of their favourite fans. They loved to have her around."

Says Mrs. Williams: "I liked the look of Mr. Miller when I first saw him. He plays the game, like all those Aussie boys. We felt we could trust them."

Miller Williams is pictured in centre foreground with her father, mother and sister, and again on board the ship—London Special Service.



KEITH MILLER

## At 90, He's Got Other Work To Do

Pittsburgh, Aug. 5.  
Arthur V. Davis, the only living American who attended the birth of the aluminium industry in 1888, resigned today as Board Chairman of the Aluminium Company of America.

The 90-year-old executive, after 60 years' service in almost every chapter of aluminium development, said he was quitting to devote full time to other business interests, centring chiefly in Florida.—United Press.

## Oilman Dies

Houston, Aug. 5.  
Brower T. McNeil, former Vice-President of the McElroy Oil Co. of Houston and a member of a nationally known newspaper family, died today at a hospital. He was 64.—United Press.

## Ike's Mideast Doctrine Cost \$174m

### In The First Four Months

Washington, Aug. 5.  
"Eisenhower Doctrine" aid to the Middle East cost the United States \$174 million in its first four months and played a "central part" in improving conditions in this area, the White House told Congress today.

President Eisenhower, transmitting his first report to Congress on the execution of the joint Middle East resolution, said the programme had been "an unmistakable warning to international Communism against all forms of aggression."

Under the liberalised aid programme established by the resolution, the President said, grants had been made totalling \$52.9 million and loans of \$15 million for economic development and \$51 million in military aid had been promised.

Using the special authority of the joint resolution, the International Co-operation Administration had given \$55.1 million in economic aid.

### TO UN FORCE

In addition, the United States has contributed about \$7 million to the operation of the UN Emergency Force in the Suez area.

The Eisenhower resolution was approved by Congress last March 9 and the President said today: "The resolution has played a major role in our co-operation with nations of the area to build strength against the threat of international Communism."

"Furthermore," said the President, "it has served as an unmistakable warning to international Communism against all forms of aggression."

"A fresh opportunity has been opened up for the people of the area to tackle the manifold matters confronting them," said the President in his report to Congress.

### COMPLACENCY

He added, however, "Despite progress achieved, no grounds for complacency exist."

"The United States must persevere in the course upon which it has embarked, if the high purposes embodied in the resolution are to be realised."

In his report, the President told of the visits of his special Ambassador, Mr. James Richards, to the Middle East early this year and connected that the mission "proved notably successful in bringing home to the nations of the Middle East and to international Communism the meaning of the resolution."

"This is reflected in the fact that 10 of the countries visited have issued public statements endorsing the purposes and objectives of the resolution," said Mr. Eisenhower.—United Press.

## Now China Has Trouble With Her Peasants

Paris, Aug. 5.  
Hunan Provincial Council Deputies admitted that the Government was having trouble with "rightist-thinking" peasants. Radio Peking reported today.

They complained: "Rightist-thinking" peasants oppose the government's supply and distribution policy, thus hoping to restore 'capitalist free market system'."

★ They sow discord among the peasants and workers; and

★ They engaged in "spilling blood" activities to "sabotage" Socialist construction."

The Deputies also admitted that the "rightist tendencies" were proving to be a "bad influence" on some peasants who were "not willing to sell their grain surplus to the State."

As a remedial measure, the Deputies advocated that the "Socialist Propaganda Education Movement" should be even more vigorously pushed to eliminate the "destructive activities" in the rural areas.

(At present, this movement has been launched in earnest in many provinces, including Kowangtung and Kiangsu, where there's serious "contradictions" among the Chinese peasantry.)

The radio said the Hunan Deputies had been holding a series of discussions recently to tackle the various "rightist-thinking" peasants' problems.—France Press.

## Church Calls For Trial H-Bomb Ban

New Haven, Aug. 5.  
The Central Committee of the World Council of Churches today approved a statement calling for the discontinuation of all nuclear tests, "at least for a trial period."

The statement said the stopping of tests would be a first step in what the committee hoped would be a permanent "by stages."

The statement, a compromise one, said that nuclear weapons were tied to the concept of total war which "is universally in conflict with the conscience of mankind."

The compromise represented a victory for a group led by Dr. George K. A. Bell, Anglican Bishop of Chichester, England, who last Thursday demanded a strong "moral pronouncement" on the atomic tests.—United Press.

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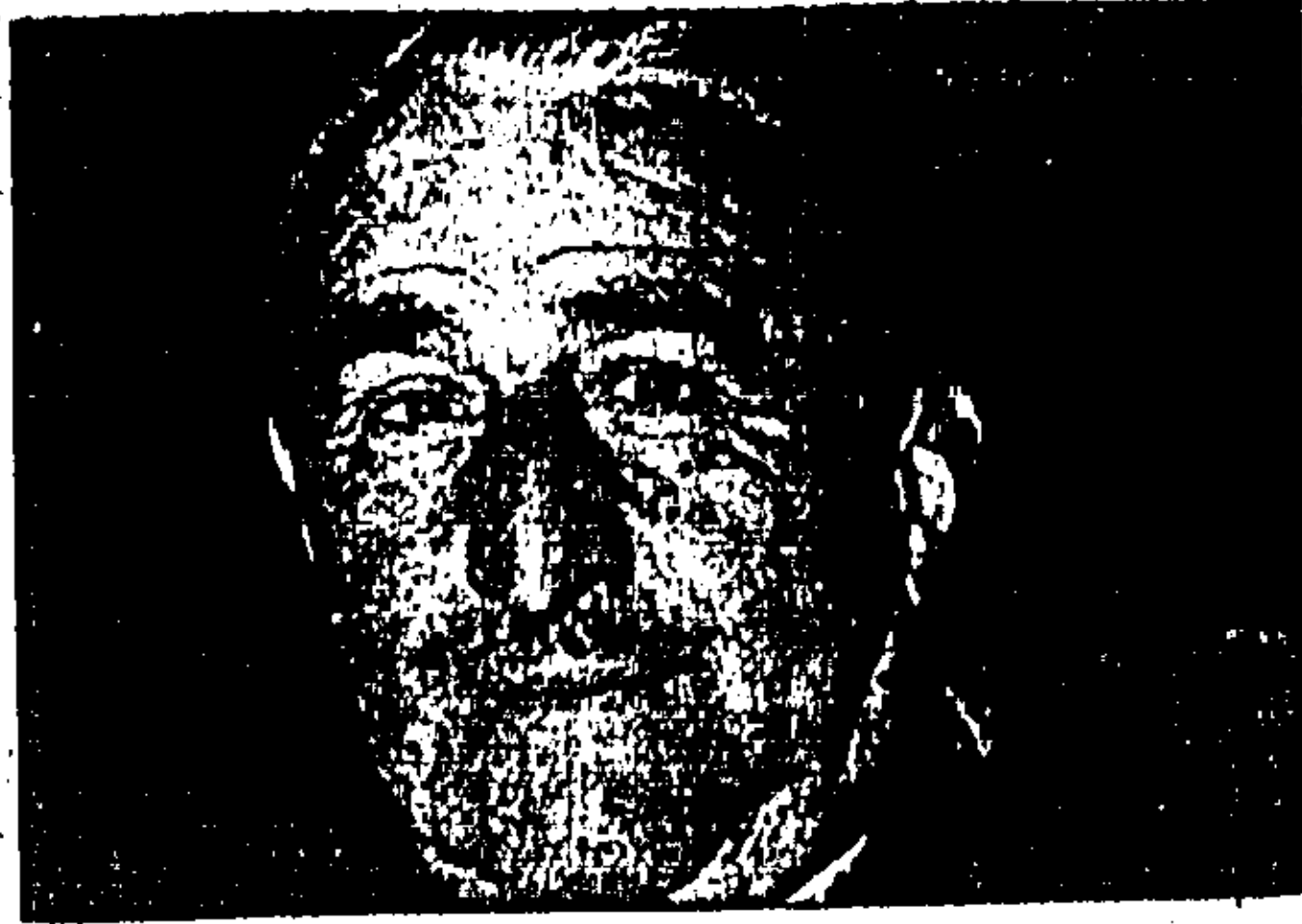
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# And So J. Arthur Ranks with Destiny



JOSEPH ARTHUR RANK, poor of the realm, is a large, square, benign looking man. Even in the ornate Mayfair mansion he had converted into an office, he never quite manages to look the mogul of a movie empire.

He looks, and talks, like a Yorkshireman who mills flour. And so, of course, he is.

He once told a reporter, "The trouble with me is that I open my gob too much".

Actually, there are plenty of people who think that the trouble with Rank is that he opens his gob too little.

More than once he has been brought somewhere near financial disaster because he was lured into the production of an extravaganza by people whose taste and artistic judgment he believed was better than his own.

Gabriel Pascal, who spent a million and a quarter pounds on the production of Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra", is reported to have said: "He can always sell a few bags of flour to raise the money."

Of course, "Caesar and Cleopatra" was something rather special and Mr Pascal was being funny.

But other people have said the same sort of thing privately without even intending to be funny.

For years, it was widely believed in the film business that the Rank fortune was bottomless and that it didn't matter much whether the money came back at the box office or not.

Those were the palmy days when "Great Expectations", "The Red Shoes", "Hamlet" and "Henry V" made the name of British films around the world.

Those were also the palmy days of some colossal flops. Then, in 1948, Rank's bank loans and overdrafts rocketed to a frightening sixteen million pounds and the era of free spending was over.

The film production programme was cut from 40 pictures a year to 20, and extravaganzas were a thing of the past. Rank hired a tough accountant called John Davis who could and did tell the prima donnas in Rank's pay to pinch every penny until the copper filings came off in their hands.

## Even Keel

The company came back to an even keel and, in 1953, Rank made eight million pounds and declared a fat dividend.

Since then, Rank has been as cautious in his film business as he has been in the family flour milling business, which he took over in 1952 after the death of his brother. Many still hanker after the days of glory and it may be that the reputation of the Rank Organisation has been sinking in the world of art. But it is certain that its name has been rising in the world of finance.

Most likely, Rank himself regrets the passing of the old days and regrets, most of all, that the principle of allowing

his directors and producers to have their heads has had to be sacrificed in the name of financial expediency. For he went into the film business originally to defend artistic integrity against what he regarded as shortsighted commercialism.

It was through his work as a Methodist Sunday school teacher that he first surveyed the film world. He was approached for help in making some religious films. Like any other canny Yorkshireman, he gave his full attention to the cause for which he had given his money.

Through that attention he came to know men in the film world and he was persuaded to make, in 1935, a film called "Turn of the Tide".

The critics applauded it loudly; but cinema owners were reluctant to show it. Rank was shocked that such a seemingly contradictory state of affairs could exist and he was determined to do something about it.

By the end of the war, he not only owned two out of the three big cinema chains in Britain but held something approaching a monopoly of film making as well.

He hired the best men he could find and gave them all they asked for. "Mine," he said, "is not one of those 'creative brains'. I am not a film producer. I hoped that the best men with all the money there was would produce something great—and keep him solvent. They did the first, but not the second.

His sense of duty to his shareholders was too great for him to allow the process to go on. But he has insisted on his other great principle: "Ours is the most suggestive medium there is. It

should not be used to debauch human values, but to help men and women make this world a better place to live in."

Certainly, no one can accuse Rank of having "debauched human values", whatever else he may have done.

The man himself is a curious combination of the puritanism which was once associated with the Methodist Church and the taste for high living that is invariably associated with the film business.

He does not drink, though he smokes a little. He gambles for small stakes on cards, shoots pheasant and partridge on his Hampshire estate, works in an atmosphere which would have done credit to an Edwardian dandy—and still teaches Sunday school.

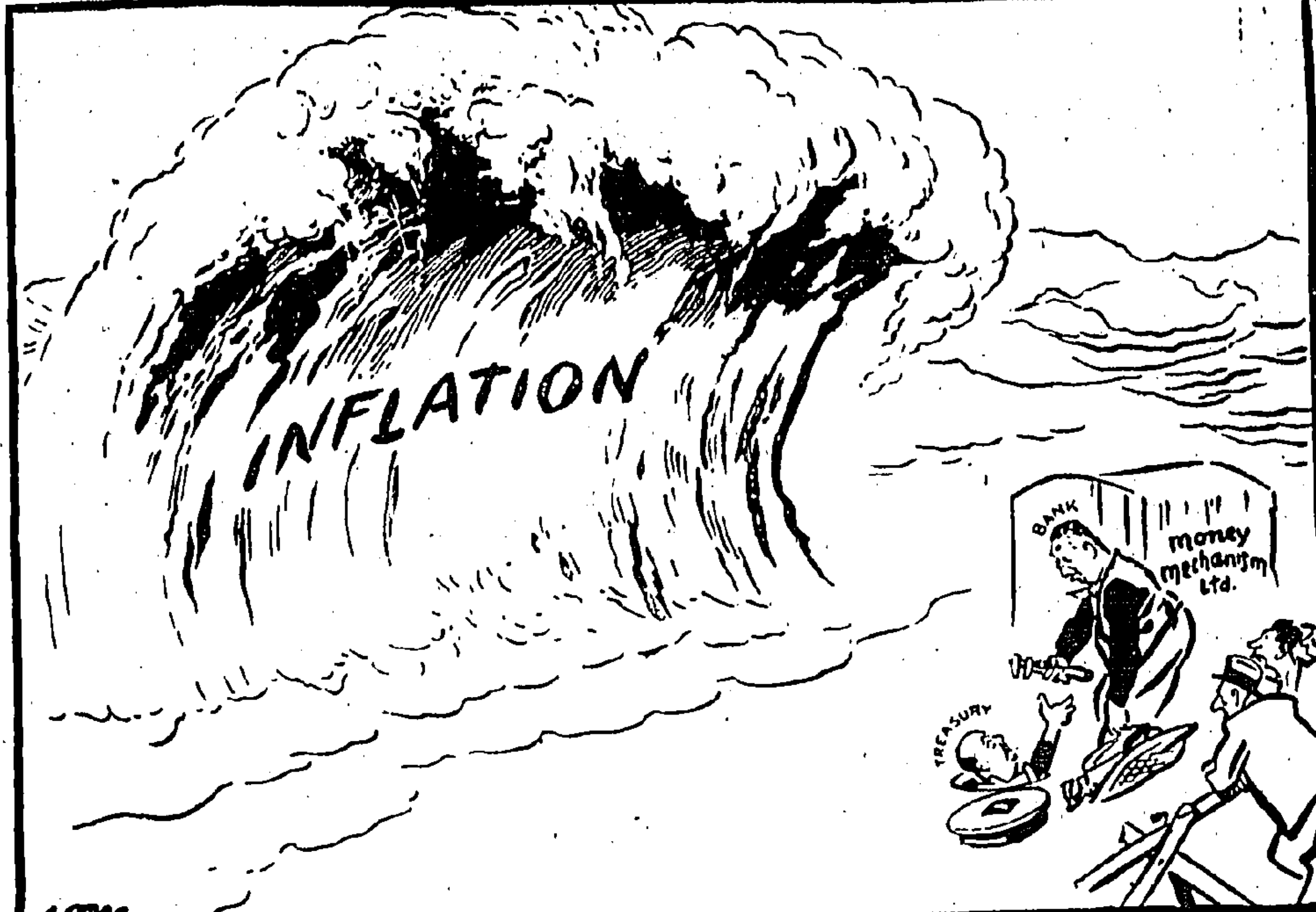
## Relaxing

He is nearing 70, though he still looks as though he were in his middle fifties, and still finds his work in films relaxing.

But that work has not much changed his tastes or his outlook. Not so many years ago he is supposed to have confessed that he did not know who Thomas Hardy was, but his lack of broad general education—he never went to university, although his father could well have afforded it—has never disturbed him.

He has always had his values clearly and distinctly defined and he is quite content to leave the details to the experts.

Now that he is a peer of the realm, he may well think that he has done his job well—even if television still threatens to close him down.



TOUGH JOB FOR THE PLUMBERS

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## THE GIRL FROM THE RECTORY LETS HER HAIR DOWN

# Randolph? Oh, I slapped his face

(SAYS MISS BLOOM)

WHILE Sir Beverley Baxter lay panting on the hearthrug at her feet, Miss Ursula Bloom, the novelist, was telling me the story of her life.

We were sitting in Miss Bloom's luxury flat in the border country between South Kensington and Chelsea.

Miss Bloom was wearing a simple blue woollen dress. Sir Beverley Baxter was wearing nothing but a simple blue leather collar.

Which is not really so surprising as it may sound, because Sir Beverley Baxter happens to be Miss Bloom's pet dachshund.

A year has passed since Miss Bloom wrote an entire book about Sir Beverley and all the other dogs in her life. But that was not why I had come to her Chelsea flat. I had come about quite a different dog book, but a book about a clergyman. About the Rev. James Harvey Bloom, her father.

**BOOKS**  
by  
**ROBERT PITMAN**

### A SENSATION

In a few weeks' time Miss Bloom will publish *The Elegant Education* (Hutchinson, 15s.) with Papa Bloom in the title role.

That book will be a sensation. It will be more than a Trollope-tinted glimpse of life in the Stratford country, where Rector Bloom had his rectory. It will be more than a clever flashback to an era of gay house-parties and croquet on Edwardian lawns.

I believe it will also be the key to the extraordinary paradox of Ursula Bloom herself.

Let us examine the paradox. Ursula Bloom is the girl from the country rectory.

But she is also the girl who, writing at a steady rate of 10,000 words a day, including Sundays, first made her name as a specialist in sex-laden novelettes. (Sample: "Her limbs white as marble and not one half inch of arched flesh upon their loveliness. She had come to him, wearing nothing but a pair of black silk stockings and black kid gloves to match. Strangely ravishing effect.")

### FOR THE MASSES

SHE IS ALSO THE GIRL who, under the pen-name *Lozania Prole*, has produced some, even more heavily sex-laden, newspaper serials for the masses. (Some sample *Prole* titles: *Our Dearest Enemy*, *My Western Tudor*, *Rose*, and *Tonight*. Josephine!)

For over-pretty Ursula Bloom the surgery has paid off. At least, her son, Pip, is now in his forties. I can report that she does not look an hour more than 30. But the Bloom paradox has not been smoothed out. The *Prole* serials, the true confessions, the face-liftings—they are not quite what one would expect from the daughter



film all the time I was playing. Of course, the Great War had started then. One of my jobs was to scratch the latest war news on blackened slides to be flashed on the screen.

"Then came my first marriage. It was a tragedy. But, of course, I had my son, Pip."

"Once when little Pip was playing on the sands at Frinton, a big, self-confident boy started throwing a tin can around. I told the boy to stop, but he did it all the more. So I slapped him really hard on the face. The lad just burst into tears and said he would tell his father. I said: 'Tell your father, I don't mind.'"

"That boy was Randolph Churchill."

Miss Bloom's story had ended. I rose. Miss Bloom rose. Sir Beverley Baxter rose. He shook his big, silky ears.

And I must not forget someone else—the man who showed me to the door. For an hour he had sat with gleaming eyes while Miss Bloom told her story. He was a sun-tanned man, his handshakes at the door had the battlement touch.

He was the man for whose devotion the daughter of Parson Bloom once gave away £100,000.

### OTHER NEW BOOKS

● **THE MOST IMPORTANT COUNTRY**, by John Cornwell. A punching, brilliantly-written survey of the Suez war. Its resounding conclusion: that in every way Eden has been proved right. A book which every Briton should read. (Cassell, 16s.)

● **END WITH GLORY**, by Richard Viner. How the Japanese tempted one P.O.W. to turn traitor with the bait of luxury, cash, and the blandishments of a lovely slant-eyed woman. A tense and readable war novel. (Long, 10s 6d.)

of a minister or the Established Church.

### BRILLIANT MAN

THEN what was that minister really like? What is the explanation?

In the Chelsea flat, as I patted Sir Beverley Baxter's brown paunch, I asked Ursula Bloom about her father.

"He was a brilliant man. He was one of the great experts on Shakespeare and Stratford. He translated early Latin archives up and down the country. He was full of energy and charm. He even got himself into the London fire service in the last war at the age of 60."

Sir Beverley Baxter nuzzled his wet nose against my hands. I said: "But I read in one of your books that your mother quarrelled with your father and left him. Why?"

"Women. They were father's whole trouble. He was a clergyman, of course, but he could never resist them. Especially if they were very young or very old. Someone said he liked them either green or rotten."

The rector's daughter smiled sadly.

"They included some very elegant and well-known women, too. One was a titled lady who was also associated with Edward VII. When Edward trotted out by the portcullis, Dad slipped in through the back door."

"The end came when he proposed installing one of the women in our home. Then mother and I moved out."

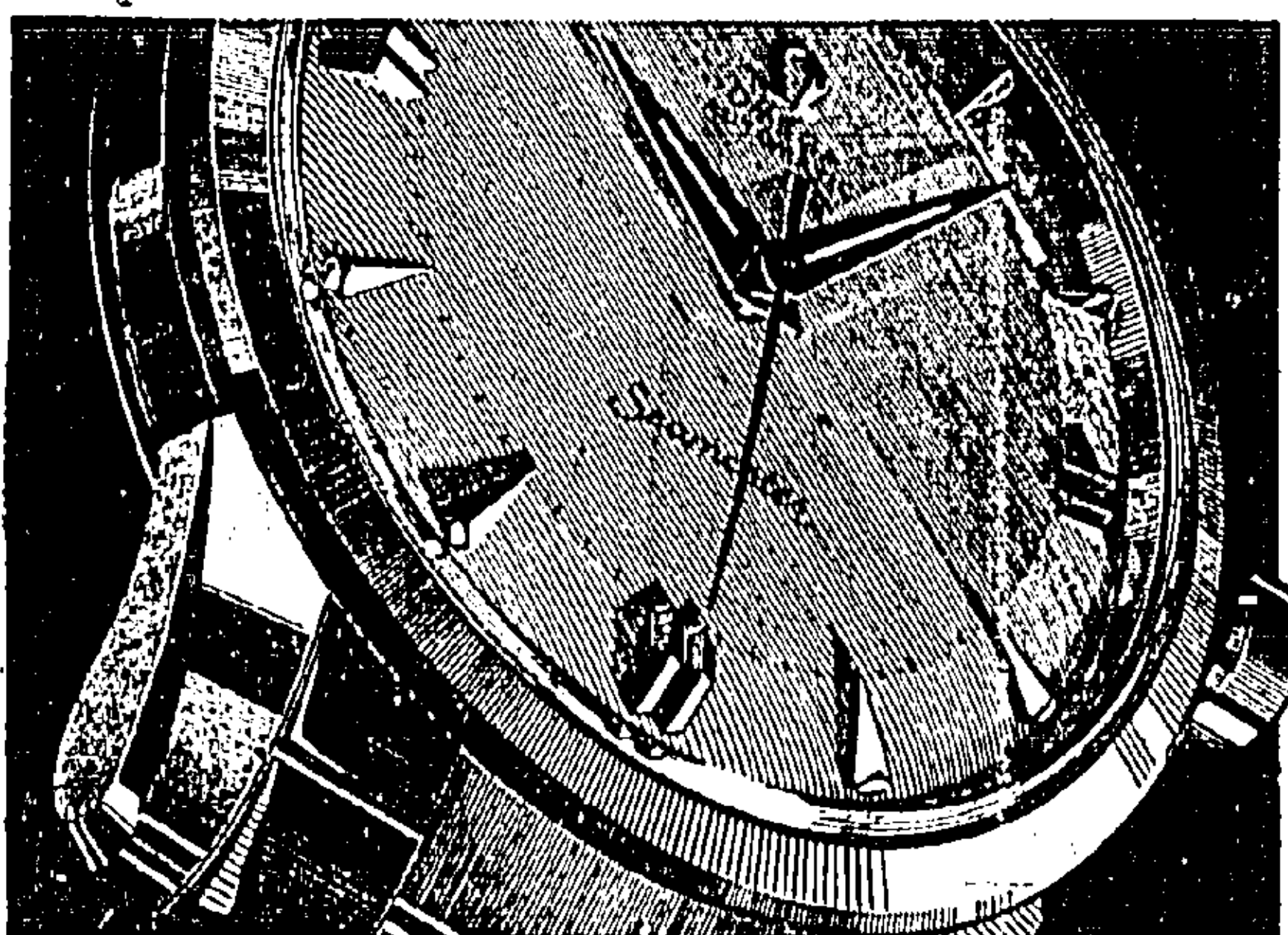
### A HARD TIME

WHAT was the effect on teenage Ursula?

"Mother and I had a terribly hard time. After a year or two, I had to get a job playing the piano at a cinema in Harpenden for 30s a week. There were two big mirrors on the piano so that I could see the

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"A touch of low pressure is moving rapidly eastward across the North Atlantic—and guess who's in it!"

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

BORN today, you have a kind and sympathetic nature which makes you a favourite among your children and growing adolescents. You are able to understand their problems and are able to give sound advice. You have a fine mind, but are a little too inclined to be influenced by those whom you love. You will give way to the opinions of others, rather than assert yourself, if your opinions do differ. There are times when perhaps you need to put your

own interests a little more to the fore.

You are fond of the pleasures of this world and you can be considered a rather gay person. You are good company and others like to have you around. You are a fine person to have as chairman of an entertainment committee, for you will work hard so that everyone will have a good time. Sometimes you do not take life as seriously as you should. You are something of a dreamer and keep putting things off. Tomorrow is always better than today—especially if it is a day when you dislike doing.

You are fond of the comforts of home and early in life will want to have your own. Although you may pretend not to care too much for members of the opposite sex, you are popular with them and actually are attracted to them. An early marriage probably will bring you the greatest happiness.

Although you have a good business sense, you lack the pushing that makes a millionaire. You are not an investor and you are not a speculator. You are a quiet person.

Among those born on this date were: Alfred Lord Tennyson, poet; the Marquis of Lorne, Canadian statesman; Paul Claudin, French statesman; Sordani G. Wallace, suffragist and reformer, and Matti Sakon, author.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Display your talents today and get the most out of your performance. You can make significant progress if you VIGOR (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—A fine day in which romance, social events, and business ventures are mutually compatible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Employment matters are happily solved now to your advantage. Keep an eye out for romance as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)—This is a day of fortunate events when a new contact should bring you better than average results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Personal affairs, especially those involving financial deals, should be especially auspicious now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Combine business and pleasure for the most profit. You can make significant money gains if you plan right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—You can count on a business trip bringing you an unexpected good reward if you plan accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—There is romance in today's picture. A lucky break increases your popularity with new friends.

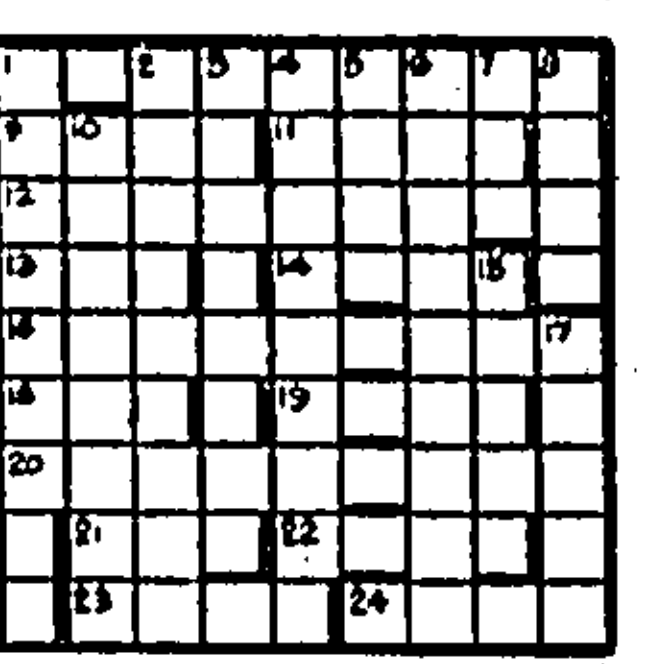
ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—If you are shopping for home furnishings, this is the time to find excellent bargains.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 21)—This is not the moment to get bored with life. Diversify your interests; the variety will keep you interested.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—There is a bright outlook for you today. Fresh interests and new objectives can prove fruitful.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—A fine day for a marriage—yours or a close friend's? It is a day to bring joy and happiness.

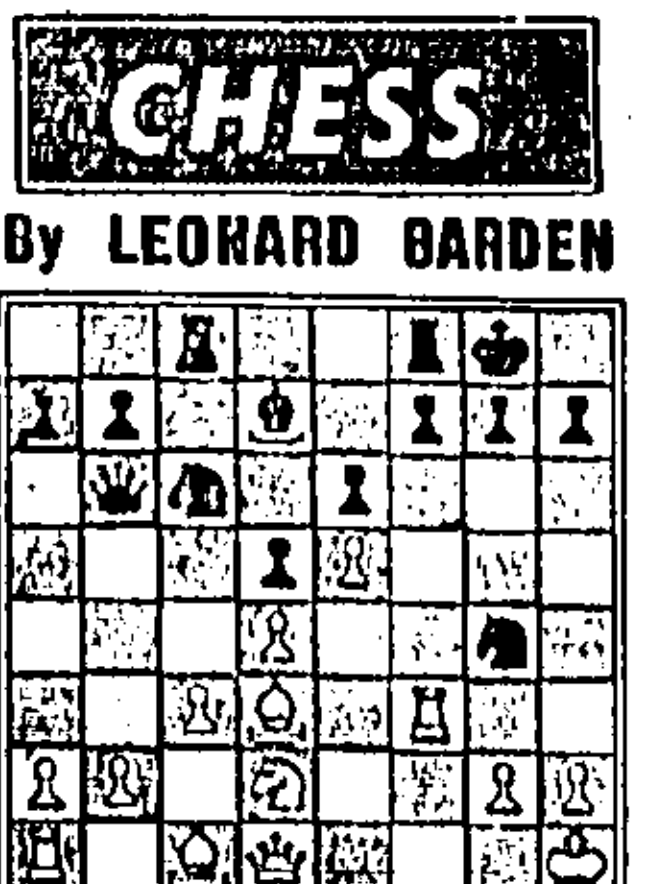
## CROSSWORD



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11. Name of the (4)  
12. These should not be taken in liberty's name. (6)  
13. Name of the (4)  
14. O art! Make a list. (4)  
15. Cause of the (4)  
16. A translation of a man in admiration. (4)  
17. Name of a (4)  
20. This may give you the nerve. (4)  
21. Very Scottish. (3)  
22. The start of it all. (4)  
23. Quick as a (4)  
24. Dine by return. (4)

Down  
1. I sort coll. (anag.) (9)  
2. Sets free. (3)  
3. This may have to be established before you cash a check. (8)  
4. Land here! (3)  
5. He's on top of his work, this singer! (4)  
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Yesterday's solution



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## BISLEY HOLIDAY WINNER



Triumphal "holiday" parade for the Bisley. Queen's prize winner Mr James Love is "chaired" in traditional style after his victory. Mr Love spent his holiday at Bisley to compete for the Kyle Rifle Club. He is an international shot and a 34-year-old mine manager of Palma, Ayrshire. His club has only twelve members.—Reuterphoto.

## THE GAY RECORD-BREAKER

## DEREK IBBOTSON NEVER ALLOWS HIMSELF TO SLIP OUT OF TOP GEAR

By JOHN COTTRELL

The most talked about sportsman in Britain at the moment is a barrel-chested, jovial young Yorkshireman by the name of George Derek Ibbotson.

He has just run the fastest mile the world has ever seen. Six days before that he ran the second fastest ever three-mile. And this season he has also been the fastest man over two miles.

Yet only two years ago Derek Ibbotson was unknown, an obscure Huddersfield electrical engineer about to begin his national service in the Royal Air Force.

He had collected a few county track titles and had been described as "a promising lad" in the local press. But, outside his county, the name of Ibbotson meant virtually nothing.

Today, that name stands for courage, determination and superb physical fitness. It provides inspiration for every ambitious young athlete.

What kind of man is this 25-year-old Yorkshireman, who is the biggest box-office draw in British athletics? And how has he made such sensational progress?

Ibbotson is a gay cavalier of sport, a man with a wry dry humour, always seeming carefree and relaxed. On the track he has an easy, economical running action, and has been known to grin broadly at the most critical stage of a race.

He enjoys running for running's sake, whether winning or losing, whether at an international meeting or in a local sports event.

## HOPELESS TASK

In the 5,000 metres of the last Olympic Games, most runners were completely demoralised by the seemingly hopeless task of chasing the breezy Russian sailor, Vladimir Kuts. They were long faces in the dressing room; some even said they would finish with athletics altogether.

But not Ibbotson. He looked serenely happy. He smiled at the finish, and said: "I enjoyed that race tremendously." And

he was not just thinking about the bronze medal he had gained for third place.

This great capacity for enjoying races best explains his remarkable progress over the past two years. For few athletes in modern times have competed in races so frequently.

In the 1955 season, he competed in 64 races, so far this season he has had nearly 40 races. With his wife and baby daughter he often travels hundreds of miles to fit in three or four races a week.

Only a few hours after running the world's fastest mile, Ibbotson and family were dashing, with luggage and a carrycot, to catch a train for his firm's sports meeting.

It has been that way since Derek Ibbotson emerged from obscurity in 1955.

In that season he borrowed a pound from his mother to go to Manchester for a "training spin" with Gordon Pirie. He finished the "spin" as the seventh fastest man in the world over 2,000 metres. And at the mile stage in the race his time was 4mins. 8.8secs.

This performance provided the first clue to Ibbotson's great potential.

## SECOND PLACE

Two months later, when Chris Chataway broke the world's three-mile record, it was Ibbotson who made it possible by brilliant pace-making. Working

to a pre-arranged plan, the Yorkshireman sacrificed himself for Chataway and only just gained second place after falling on the last lap.

But one year later these positions were to be reversed. In July, 1956, Ibbotson took the British three-mile title away from Chataway, beating him by inches. Both men returned the same time—13mins. 22.8secs.

The following month Ibbotson caused an even greater sensation. He ran the mile in 3mins. 58.4secs., equalling Bannister's national record and becoming the sixth man in the world to run the mile in less than four minutes.

It was no premeditated performance like Bannister's. Ibbotson only entered the race to get an extra ticket for the competitors' banquet following the meeting between Britain and Czechoslovakia.

He wanted another ticket for his fiancée's American cousin who was on holiday in Britain, and, he had been told, as a joke, that he would have it if he ran in the mile.

So Ibbotson ran—in spite of a dislocated big toe and trouble with an Achilles tendon.

This was typical of Ibbotson. He has a fair for the unusual—both in public and private life.

Last year, he almost failed to reach Melbourne for the Olympic Games. At Athens, he was involved in a dispute with airport officials because he publicly tore up an anti-British leaflet which had been handed to him. Even the courtesy of his wife, formerly Madeline Wooler, British five-minute miler, was unusual. He met her in a Moscow garden during an athletic tour, wooed her in Prague, and proposed on a cross-country training run in Middlesex.

They married last autumn and two days after the wedding Ibbotson had to leave his bride for the Olympic Games.

## UNUSUAL EPISODE

The most unusual episode in Ibbotson's fantastic career? I should say it was the day last June when he ran what was then the second fastest mile of all time.

He won a race in 3mins. 58.4secs., only four tenths of a second outside John Landy's world record. He completed this magnificent performance only a few hours after becoming a father for the first time. And he did it at the Glasgow Police Sports.

But Ibbotson did lose one race that day—a race to the maternity hospital. He arrived after visiting hours and was unable to see his wife and 7lb. 6oz. daughter, Christine.

Since then, the gay Yorkshire lad has continued on his merry, unpredictable way. One day this season he failed to qualify for the final of the mile in the Amateur Athletic Association's Championships. The next, he set new British and Empire records for the three miles with a time of 13mins. 20.8secs.

Now Ibbotson is, after the world record for his favourite distance, the three-mile. And no one in his right senses would put the task beyond him.

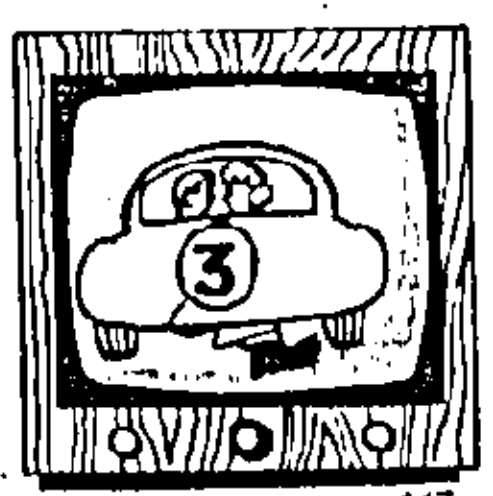
But even greater things are expected of young Derek. Experts believe he can even beat his own record of 3mins. 57.2secs. for the mile. A time of 3mins. 55secs. is thought to be possible.

It is significant that Ibbotson has finished free of great physical distress on the three occasions he has beaten four minutes for the mile. On two of the occasions there was no pace-maker; on the third the pace was uneven.

But one man may prevent him from attaining even greater heights in the athletic world—Ibbotson himself. He enjoys racing so much that he hardly knows when to stop.

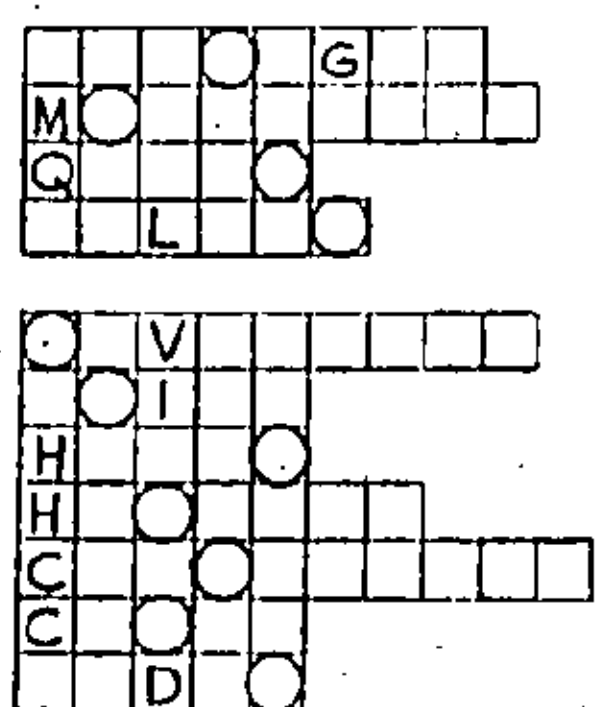
This season he has been running a spite of warnings that he may be crippled with arthritis if he does not have specialist attention for his right leg. The trouble has arisen from two breaks in the big toe, which were never properly set, and a dent in a knee-cap.

There is no doubt that he is running much too frequently this season. But how do you slow down a "human dynamo" like Ibbotson, a man who lives for running and never allows himself to slip out of top gear?—London Express Service. (Copyright)



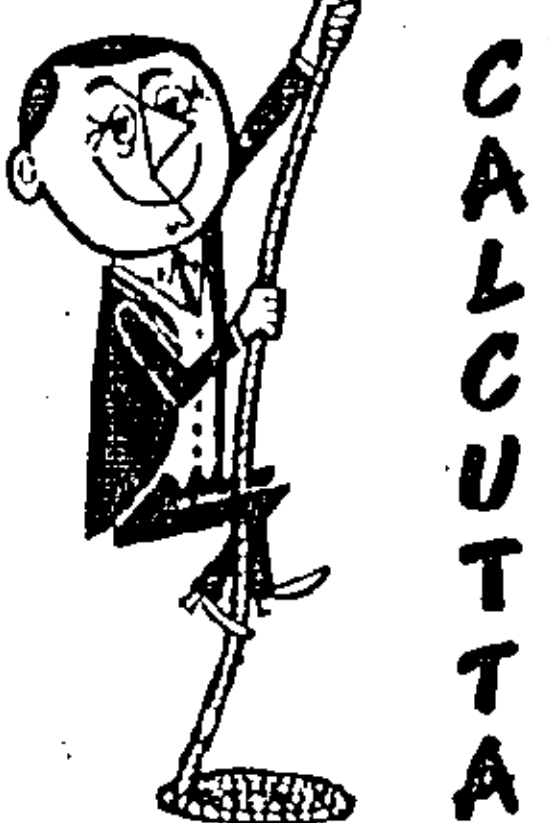
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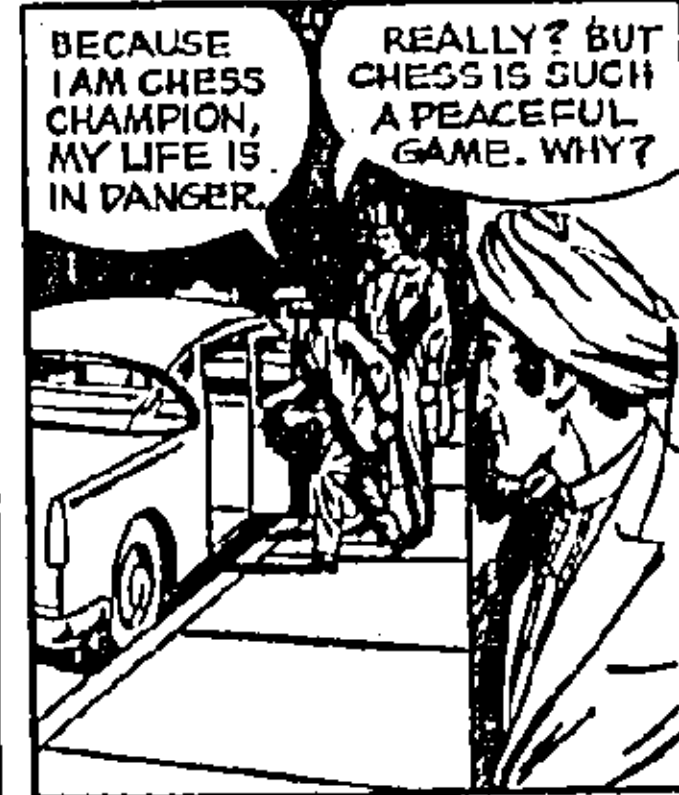
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- 3 Female ruler
- 4 Royal house
- 5 Pound
- 6 Period of rule
- 7 One of eight
- 8 This Court
- 9 Crowning
- 10 Place for trial
- 11 Such a race

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BE SPECIFIC  
JUN CATHAY  
PACIFIC

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

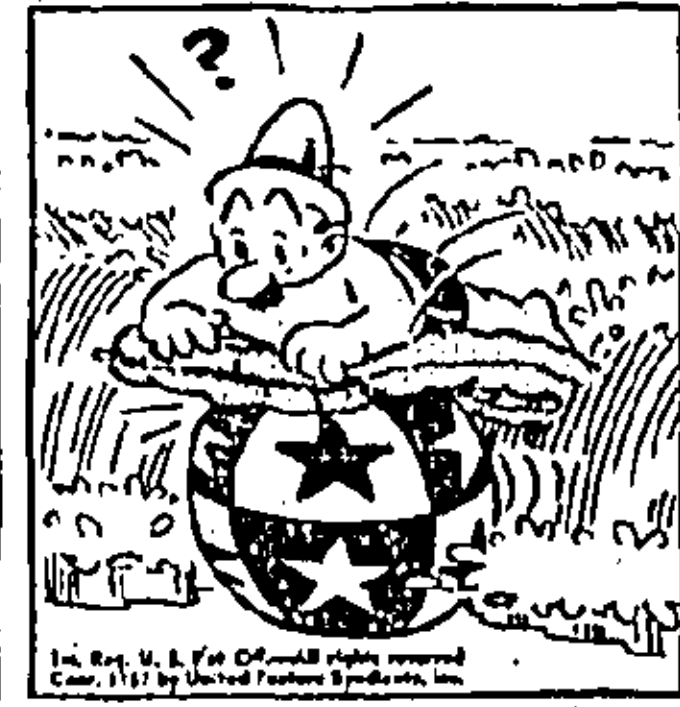
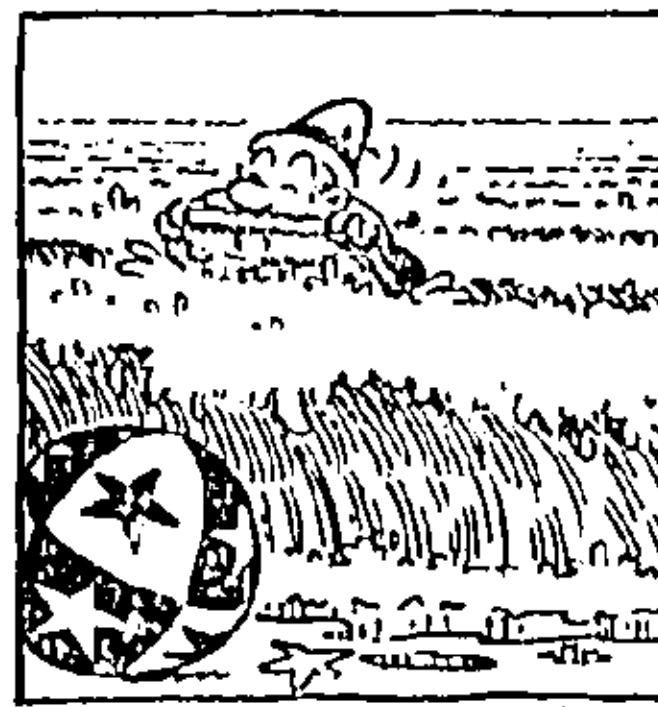
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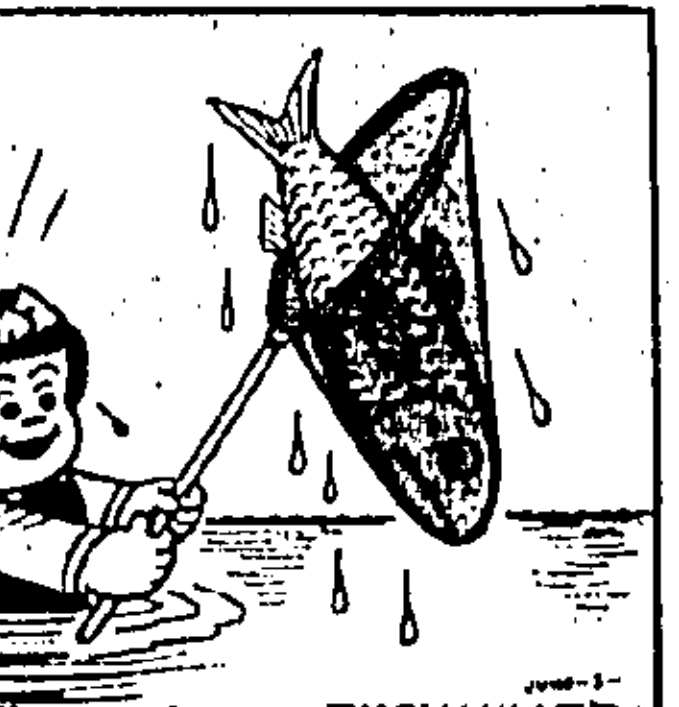
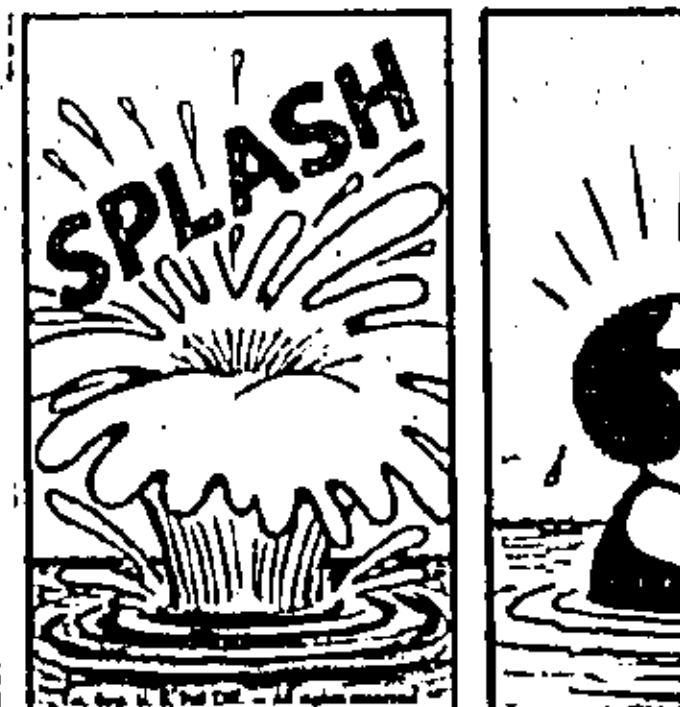
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They always  
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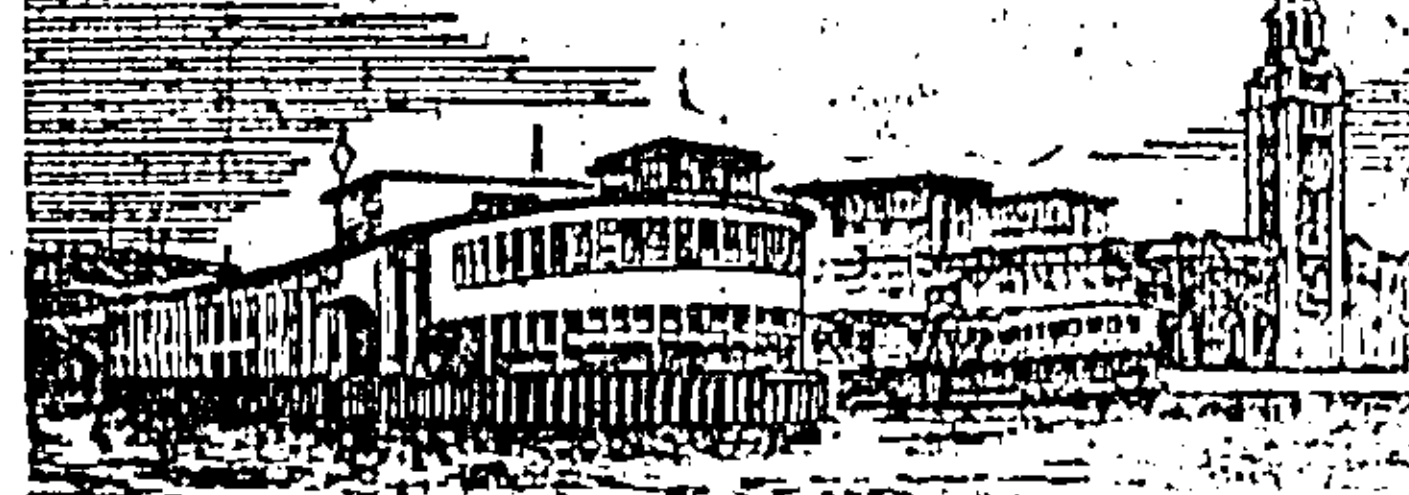


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## HE'S PUTTING AN AMERICAN FAMILY INTO A CHING DYNASTY SETTING

### Young Artist At Work In A City Lane

by George Chee

THE same big names Pablo Picasso, Diego Rivera and Henry Moore, that stood out a generation and more ago still rule the artistic roost.

#### JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### A Timely Reminder

MIDDAY is an hour about which hotels and other institutions that receive the casual guest are strangely sensitive.

In hotel rooms a cardboard notice swings from the clothes hook on the door. "Guests are reminded," it warns, "that unless this room is vacated by 12 midday a further night's stay will be charged."

At reception centres, where go those who lack the price of a bed elsewhere, overnight guests are not allowed to leave on a midday, and this can complicate life, as George found.

#### THE SPIKE

GEORGE is a dark-haired man of 20. A policeman came upon him at 11.30, the other evening, lying on a bench in Trafalgar Square, trying to sleep. "You can't do that," the policeman said. "That's lodging in the open air, and it's against the law." Now there's a hostel.

"Can't afford a hostel to-night," George said. "Well, then, there's the institution at Peckham, that's free."

#### AN HOUR GAINED

GEORGE did not saunter far. Half an hour later the same policeman found him asleep on another bench and arrested him. "Good," said George, "anything's better than the spike."

At Bow Street he pleaded guilty to the charge, and said to Mr. Brian Reece: "The reason I didn't go to the spike was that they'd have kept me till midday, and that's too late to go for a job."

"Yes, but this won't do, hanging about like this," said the magistrate. "When did you last work, and where?"

"Last week," George said, "at a West End club." He named a very stately institution in St. James's.

"Well, this time I'll make it as, one day, and you can go now," the magistrate said.

George smiled wan thanks and glanced at the court clock. The time was barely 11 o'clock. He hurried away to make the most of the precious hour's advantage his night in the cells had given him over those who had kept within the law and been kept in by the institution till midday.

### Imported Gold Bars

For importing 12 bars of gold weighing 62 taels into the Colony without a licence, Cheng Wong, 36, of 72 Old Street, first floor, Aberdeen, was fined \$750 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

On August 3 at the Hongkong-Macao Wharf, when searched by the Revenue officers, defendant was found to conceal the gold inside the base of a basket. Defendant was then taken to the Department of Commerce and Industry where a complaint was laid against him and later charged.

The younger generation of painters has tried to distinguish itself from its elders but, with a few exceptions, has not succeeded.

But a young painter called Tsui is doing something out of the ordinary and appears to be on his way to fame even though his work may never achieve the immortality of the masters.

Painting an American family in Chinese style clothing is a profitable business for Tsui Kwong-man.

He has just received an order from an American family to paint them in Chinese style clothing for HK\$750.

Tsui hopes this first assignment will lead to more business from American and other foreign tourists.

#### Began At 13

The thirty-six-year-old painter is a Malayan-born Chinese. He is simple, quiet and modest.

At the age of 13, Tsui had already started learning how to draw. He was not from a good well-to-do family and could not afford to take painting lessons from famous teachers. But he was fortunate to have an elder brother—very keen on drawing portraits with pencil charcoal—to teach him.

From that day on Tsui has never stopped painting. His love for painting is apparent to anyone who watches his enthusiastic approach to his work.

Now he is doing what he himself calls a masterpiece—a piece of work which requires imagination as well as creative power.

And what kind of picture is this?

Tsui, with a stern and artistic manner, would tell you that it is a picture in which he has thought out everything himself.

#### 40-Day Assignment

He is supplied only with a photograph of an American family. He has to think of the design of clothing to paint on every individual in the photograph. With the photograph Tsui can only copy the faces of the family and the rest is up to him.

He has chosen the kind of clothing worn by a high Chinese official's family during the Ching Dynasty.

This water-colour picture is to be finished in forty days—now eighteen days have passed and it is nearly a third done.

To those who know something about painting, they can already see that this picture is going to distinguish itself from other ordinary drawings. There is just something in it that will make it last.

#### Came In 1950

Tsui paints not only water-colour portraits but also old Chinese scenery and oil paintings. He is also skilful in using seal and wax on paintings.

The painter told me that he came to Hongkong in 1950 from the mainland. He found business here 'good'.

What Mr. does this unmarried artist lead apart from his drawing—paper, brush, paints, charcoal—pencil etc.?

For exercise he swims. For relaxation he goes to Chinese restaurants for tea.

He doesn't smoke. He doesn't drink.

He likes going to cinemas, reading good books and visiting friends. He is extremely fond of domestic animals and hopes someday he will be asked to paint pictures of them.

Tsui said that he works only four to five hours every day and rests on Sundays.

#### Painting Is Tiring

"Don't think that I'm lazy because I do nothing else except paint. Painting isn't so very simple. It tires you out so easily and quickly," he added.

When I brought up the question of marriage, this young bachelor artist said: "Please don't talk of marriage. It is my own business. I don't see what connection there is between my work and women."

The lane next to Pedder Building off Pedder Street is where Tsui works. His immaculate technique Hongkong artists—but should do. Nevertheless, he is happy with his trade.

"I have found much contentment and happiness in painting," Tsui told me.

So it is—that he who has found the best occupation is he who has found the thing he likes to do best.

### JEWELLERY THEFT IN BOWEN RD

Pleading guilty to stealing a jewellery box containing valuables worth approximately \$1,600 from a house in Bowen Road, a 26-year-old unemployed man, Tong Yam-yiu, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

On an additional charge of a similar nature which alleged that he had stolen a plastic wallet containing \$87 from a woman in a Peak house on July 11, he was given two months. The sentences are to run consecutively.

The jewellery box, belonging to Mrs. Doreen Taylor, contained five rings, four bracelets, eight necklaces, a wrist watch, six pairs of earrings, 11 brooches, two bangles, one pendant, one medallion, four keys, one bottle of scent and cash \$54. The articles were all recovered.

#### AT PAWNSHOP

Outlining the facts, DSI Ho Ho said that about 5 p.m. on August 1, detectives on pawnshop duty in the Wanchai district, saw defendant offer two lady's gold rings for pawning. When questioned, the defendant failed to give a satisfactory account of his action, DSI Ho added.

The defendant was arrested. Further enquiries revealed that the two rings were earlier stolen from a house on the Peak, DSI Ho said.

The defendant then took the detectives to No. 6 Bowen Road where Mrs. Taylor was consulted. She identified the rings as her property but stated that a jewellery box had also been stolen from her bedroom, the inspector said.

A search of defendant's home discovered all the other missing articles, DSI Ho continued.

#### STOLE WALLET

The defendant, DSI Ho added, further admitted stealing the wallet and said that he had already spent the \$87.

Defendant, who had a clear record, asked the Magistrate if he could be bound over as this was his first offence. He added that he used to be a tailor but he was out of work. "I was forced to steal," he claimed.

Sgt. Lau Kwok, DPCS, Lai Hon-wah and Lam Chiu were highly commended by the Magistrate for their excellent work in the case. Mr. Lo ordered the stolen property to be returned to the owner.



Artist Tsui Kwong-man (above) works painting an American family in old Chinese style clothing at his pitch in a lane running off Pedder Street.

The second picture shows the family portrait from which Artist Tsui painted the lower picture—an American family in Ching Dynasty clothing.—China Mail Photos.

### Constable Accused Of Taking Money

Two men came before Mr. Derek Cons at Kowloon Court this morning and laid charges that PC Li Tok-kwong had taken money from their pockets when they were searched on July 16.

The constable, aged 22, faced four counts of larceny from the person. He was alleged to have stolen sums of money from four men whom he had caught playing cards early in the morning of July 16 at the entrance of G block, Tai Hong Tung Resettlement Area.

The constable denied the charges through his solicitor, Mr. Edmund Y. F. Cheung of Messrs. Peter Mo and Co. Sub-Inspector T. E. Monnington prosecuted.

#### PLAYING CARDS

Chiu Ho-kan, one of the alleged gamblers, testified that he was playing cards with three others when the constable came up and accused them: "You are gambling and I am going to arrest you." Chiu added that the defendant searched the players and took money from their pockets. He complained that the defendant took \$14 from him.

Making a similar complaint, Lau Ying, the second of the four players who testified this morning, said the constable took \$18 away from him.

When cross-examined, Chiu said he was the last to be searched. Lau, however, also made the same claim.

The case is continuing.

### MURDER CHARGE

A 31-year-old teahouse folk was remanded for three days in Police custody on a charge of murder, by Miss B.K. Searle at Central Court, this morning.

The defendant, Lai Hon-mun, alias Lai Yan is alleged to have murdered a man named Shih Cheuk alias Shih Cheuk-dan, on August 1, at 104 Pokfulam Village.

## ALLEGED MURDER OF FACTORY GIRL

### Man On Trial

THE story of the alleged stabbing of a factory girl by her erstwhile lover in broad daylight was told when Cheng Siu-ching, 29, unemployed appeared on trial for murder before Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Cheng is alleged to have stabbed Yiu Sau-chun as she was returning to the factory in Tsau Wan where she worked after her mid-day meal on April 5 last. It was stated that she was with two other factory girls when the alleged offence took place, and that it was witnessed by her two companions.

A statement made to the Police by the accused said that he had been deceived by the girl who would not marry him. "I do not want to be deceived, therefore I sacrificed my life," the accused was alleged to have said in the statement.

#### ALL-MALE JURY

Prosecuting are Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Solicitor General, and Mr G. R. Smith, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr G. Fergus, DDI, Teun Wan, Cheng is defended by Mr Gerald de Baste, instructed by Mr A. Y. Hien.

An all-male jury has been empanelled.

Mr Blair-Kerr told the jury that the alleged killing took place at Tsau Wan. At the bottom of a hill was a factory which manufactured iron-nails and nearby were huts occupied by employees of the factory.

The deceased stayed with her mother and brother and another factory girl in one of the huts. This girl would say that on April 5 this year she and the deceased and another factory girl were returning to work after mid-day meal when this incident which caused the death of the deceased occurred.

The witness would say that as the three of them were walking along a path leading down to the factory she heard the accused call from behind them, "Ah Sau." The deceased stopped and asked accused what he wanted because she was in a hurry. The deceased then rejoined her two companions and proceeded on.

#### TURNED ROUND

Shortly afterwards the witness heard accused call out, "I have something to tell you." The deceased turned round and went towards the accused.

Mr Blair-Kerr said that the witness would say that after a short conversation between the accused and the deceased, she heard the deceased shout, and looking around saw the accused holding the deceased by the head and stabbing her on the side of the left arm with a knife.

The two girls approached the accused who, the witness would further say, threatened them with the knife. They then ran towards the factory shouting for help.

A watchman on duty at the factory, on hearing the cry for help saw the accused running away through some grass. He and another man gave chase and after overtaking the accused they overpowered him. The accused was alleged to have told the watchman and the other man, "It is not necessary for you to arrest me. It is I who murdered the person."

Crown Counsel said that the accused was later charged and in answer made a statement in which he stated that in March of 1955 he and the deceased became acquainted in Swatow. Shortly afterwards the girl asked him to marry her but because he was ill at the time he asked her to wait until he got well, the statement said.

She also asked him to take her to Hongkong. The accused alleged in the statement that he spent a lot of money on her and that her family borrowed money.

#### SACRIFICE LIFE

"Now she will not marry me," the accused said in the statement, and added that she had deceived him if he did not want to be deceived, therefore sacrifice life," the statement concluded.

Witnesses for the Crown were then called. Hearing is proceeding.

### 3 YEARS FOR ASSAULT

A sentence of three years' imprisonment was imposed on a 42-year-old unemployed Fa Tau, of 142 C Block of Tai Wan Shan Resettlement Area by Judge R. H. Mills-Owens at Kowloon District Court this morning when the accused pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to rob.

The accused, who had two previous convictions for larceny was also placed under the police supervision for two years.

The Police said that on the morning of June 23, Ho Ming, a 37-year-old complainant, was walking along Junction Road when the accused came from behind and with intent to snatch complainant's wrist watch.

The complainant put up a struggle and the accused was subsequently arrested by two policemen.

#### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I've learned plenty working here—if a man's going to get married, he needs a big salary just for cosmetics!"

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